

did not mean you opposed them as a person. We would have a responsibility. We were simply doing as a lawyer what that person we represented would have done if they had our education and training.

So as we finish this very difficult week, I again say I look back with such—

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, one addendum to what the majority leader has said; that is, the interaction among Members is not understood unless you either are a keen observer of the Senate or have been here for a while. But the relationships are very important. It is the development of skills on accommodation.

One of the facets about the Senate that has always intrigued me is what happens between the votes when we are all captive here, so to speak. You have to wait a while for late Senators to show up—though not as long with the new majority leader—and there are conversations that go on. A tremendous amount of business is transacted. In a sense, it is like there is a certain aspect of a social event—not quite a cocktail party without cocktails—but a lot of business is transacted. There are a lot of accommodations and a lot of learning about personalities and how to come together on issues.

We have too much partisanship in this body. This aisle that separates the Democrats and the Republicans is too wide much of the time. But there are also occasions where we come together and work together. I am pleased to say in the last few days I think we are going to meet the majority leader's timetable on an immigration bill, where we have to come together.

It is experience and relationships and skills which lead us to many conclusions, notwithstanding all of our problems. Nobody said it better than Churchill, that the system has lots of failings, but it is the best compared to any other system. Sometimes we muddle through, but at least we get through.

Well, I see the real Republican leader on the floor, so I am going to give him his podium.

Mr. REID. Finally, I would say, in closing here, one of the things I have found in this legislative body that is so unique is, if a Member of the Senate gives their word to a Democrat or Republican, or whatever combination thereof, that is it; there need be nothing in writing. The agreements that are made in this body last for years and years. Once you tell a Member of this body: "This is the deal we have," that is the way it is, and I have never had anyone change that. On one occasion, I am sure it happened. I am sure it was from a misunderstanding. But in all the 25 years I have been here, all you need is somebody to tell you what they are going to do, and that is the way it is. That speaks well of everyone serving here.

#### UNANIMOUS-CONSENT REQUEST— S. 1071

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 1071, which was introduced earlier today by Senators LANDRIEU and LOTT; that the bill be read three times, passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; without any intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The Republican leader.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, there are objections on this side. I, therefore, have to object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I would say, very briefly, Senator LANDRIEU has spoken at great length on this issue. Senator LOTT has talked to me several times about this issue. I hope we can get this cleared in the near future.

#### UNANIMOUS-CONSENT REQUEST— H.R. 137

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 91, H.R. 137, that the bill be read three times, passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, let me say to the majority leader, we are close to being able to get this measure cleared, but, regretfully, we are not there yet. So, therefore, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, on this I am very disappointed. There are 3 million members of the Humane Society in America. For every one of them, this is their No. 1 issue; that is, to stop the viciousness, the barbarity of having animals fight each other. People bet on this, as we all know. It is done in several States, and it should be stopped.

That is what this is all about. I am not going to belabor the point, but this is something a number of people on both sides of the aisle feel strongly about. I would think in the next go-around whoever is objecting to this should step forward and state their objection.

We are going to have to—on one of these days when there is not a lot to do; I don't know when that will be, but we will find some time—we are going to have to file cloture on this because it is unfair we are being stopped from moving on a bill that is entitled "Animal Fighting Prohibition Enforcement Act." I think that says it all.

#### UNANIMOUS-CONSENT AGREEMENT—S. 5 AND S. 30

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Tuesday, April

10, following morning business, the Senate proceed en bloc to the consideration of S. 5 and S. 30; that the bills be debated concurrently for a time limitation of 20 hours, with the time divided as follows: 5 hours each under the control of the majority and Republican leaders or their designees; 5 hours each under the control of Senators HARKIN and BROWNBACK or their designees; that no amendments or motions be in order to either bill; that upon the completion of debate, the bills be read for a third time en bloc, and that each bill be required to receive 60 affirmative votes to pass; and that if neither achieves 60 votes, then S. 5 be returned to the Senate Calendar, and S. 30 be placed on the Senate Calendar; that S. 5 be the first vote in the sequence; and that there be 2 minutes of debate between the two votes, with the time equally divided between the majority and Republican leaders or their designees; that upon the use or yielding back of all time, the Senate proceed to vote on passage of the bills covered under this agreement; if either or both of the bills pass under the provisions provided in this agreement, then the motions to reconsider be considered laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that S. 30 be held at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, again, I do this often because it is necessary often, and that is we do a lot together. This is a unanimous consent on one of the most contentious issues in the country today: stem cell research. The distinguished Republican leader and I were able to work this out. I expressed appreciation to him and the others who felt so strongly about this on the other side of the aisle. This will be good. We can move on after this matter is determined one way or the other when we return from our work period.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations: Calendar Nos. 49 through 52; Calendar Nos. 56, 57, and 58; Calendar No. 60; Calendar Nos. 62 through 70; Calendar No. 71, with the exception of BG John F. Kelly, and all nominations on the Secretary's desk; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements be printed at the appropriate place in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and that the Senate resume legislative session. I would also note that these have all been cleared on this side of the aisle.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.